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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 5812

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SUBJECT: ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. AS OF APRIL 11, MFA BELIEVES THAT LAOS AND CAMBODIA WILL SEND OBSERVERS TO ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING AND BURMA WILL NOT. GVN AT FIRST SAID THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND, THEN SAID THEY WOULD. THAI NOW ARE AWAITING FORMAL GVN NOTIFICATION THAT THEY WILL ATTEND. INDONESIA AGREED TO TRANSMIT INVITATION TO HANOI, AND THAT IS "IN PROCESS". IN COMMENTS DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE, DPTY FONMIN CHARTCHAI INDICATED THAT PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT THE VIET CONG MIGHT BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE (BANGKOK 5465) WERE INACCURATE.

2. SEC' Y TO FONMIN ASA SARASIN TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT THAIS' MAIN OBJECTIVE AT CONFERENCE WILL BE TO GET THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT THAT THE SITUATION IN
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CAMBODIA IS A THREAT TO THEM AS WELL AS TO THAILAND. THE THAI WILL URGE THEM TO USE POLITICAL PRESSURE WHEREVER THEY CAN, PARTICULARLY WITH CHINA, THE USSR AND HANOI TO GET THE NVN TO LEAVE CAMBODIA. ASKED ABOUT LAOS, ASA SAID THE THAI ARE OF COURSE CONCERNED ABOUT LAOS TOO, BUT CURRENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA MAKES LATTER GREATEST CONCERN.

3. ASA SAID IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PHILS WILL NOT RPT NOT RAISE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH MALAYSIA AT THE ASEAN MEETING.

4. ROC EMBASSY COUNSELOR INFORMS US THEY HAVE A REPORT FROM PHIL SOURCES THAT THE PHILS WILL PROPOSE THAT ASEAN NATIONS "NORMALIZE" RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING TRADE RELATIONS. MALAYSIANS WILL NOT FOLLOW SUIT, ACCORDING ROC COUNSELOR, HAVING BEEN DISSUADED BY INDONESIA.
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